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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3652**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Brian R. JANES et al.

Application No.: 10/028,580

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: LOAD BEARING MEMBER  
ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed December 02, 2004, the period for response to which extends through March 02, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of remarks that follow:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.